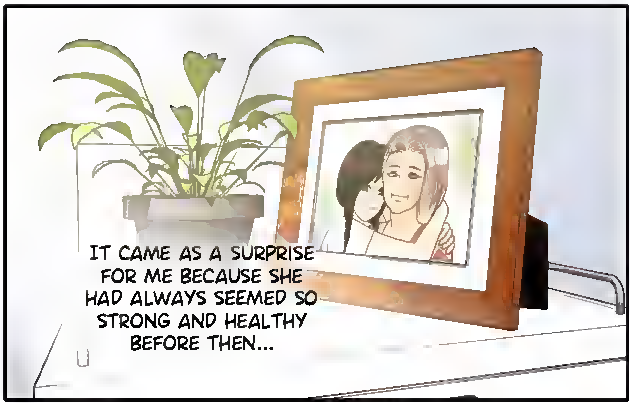
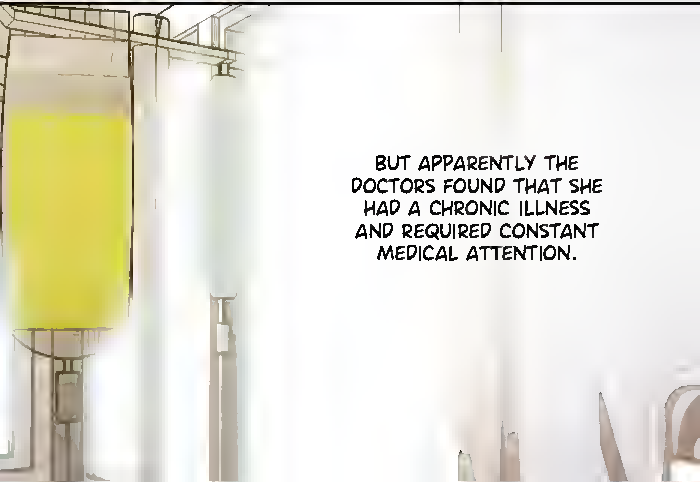
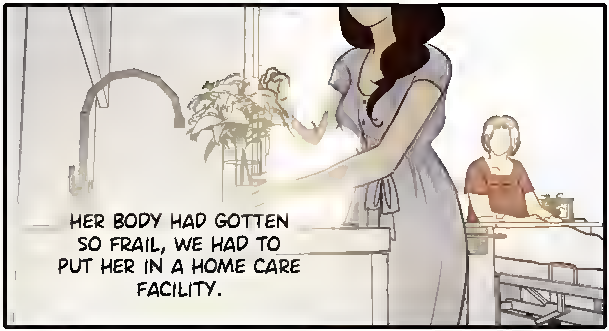
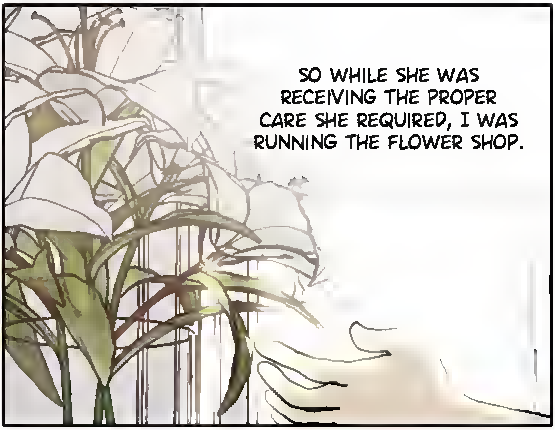
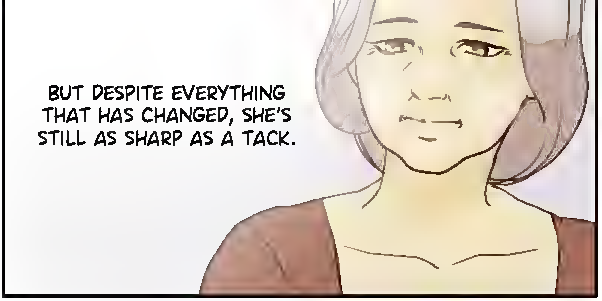
GRANNY WAS HOSPITALIZED FOUR YEARS AGO AFTER SHE COLLAPSED FROM ANEMIA.


IT CAME AS A SURPRISE FOR ME BECAUSE SHE HAD ALWAYS SEEMED SO STRONG AND HEALTHY BEFORE THEN...

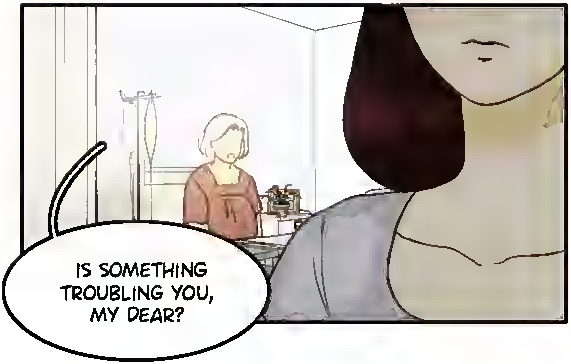

BUT APPARENTLY THE DOCTORS FOUND THAT SHE HAD A CHRONIC ILLNESS AND REQUIRED CONSTANT MEDICAL ATTENTION.


HER BODY HAD GOTTEN SO FRAIL, WE HAD TO PUT HER IN A HOME CARE FACILITY.


SO WHILE SHE WAS RECEIVING THE PROPER CARE SHE REQUIRED, I WAS RUNNING THE FLOWER SHOP.


BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT HAS CHANGED, SHE'S STILL AS SHARP AS A TACK.

LYRA...


IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU, MY DEAR?

MAYBE A LITTLE TOO SHARP.

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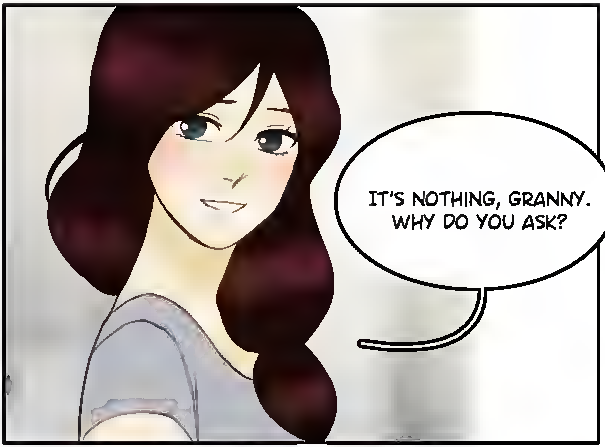
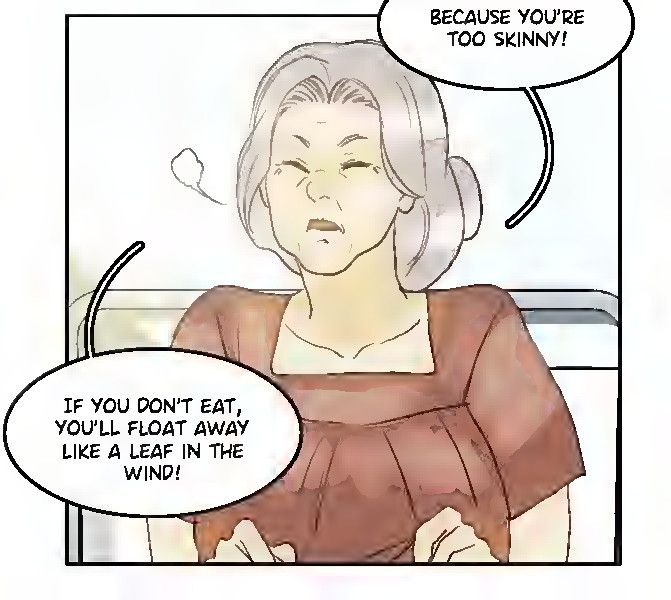
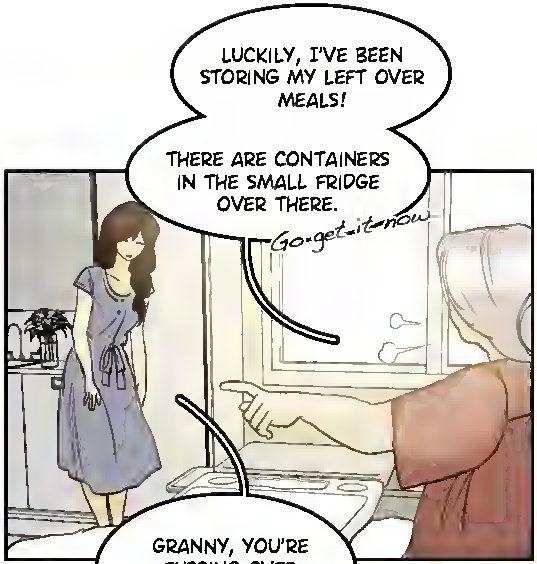

IT'S NOTHING, GRANNY.
WHY DO YOU ASK?

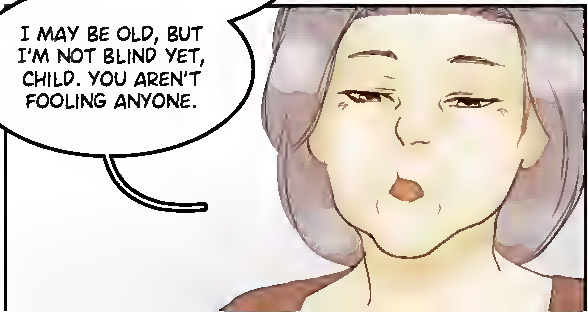

BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO SKINNY!
IF YOU DON'T EAT, YOU'LL FLOAT AWAY LIKE A LEAF IN THE WIND!

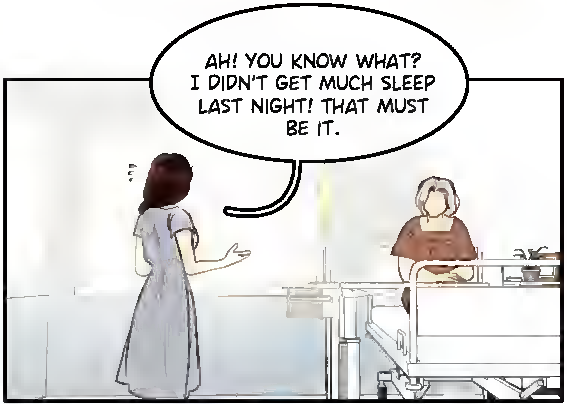

LUCKILY, I'VE BEEN STORING MY LEFT OVER MEALS!
THERE ARE CONTAINERS IN THE SMALL FRIDGE OVER THERE.
Go-get-it-now
GRANNY, YOU'RE

ME TOO MUCH.

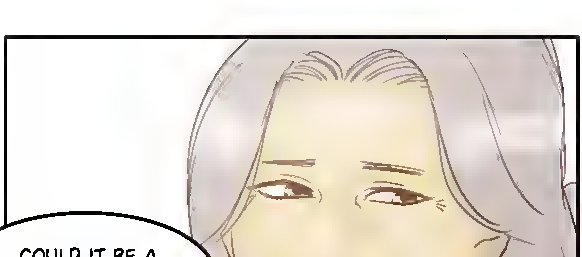
THERE'S THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES. I KNOW IT BETTER THAN ANYONE.

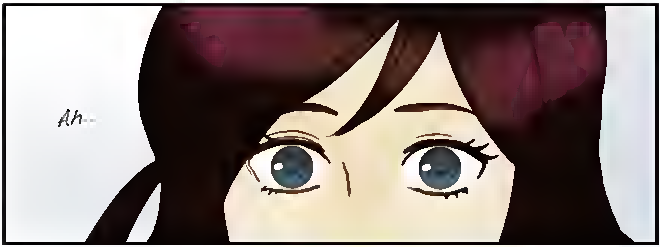
I MAY BE OLD, BUT I'M NOT BLIND YET, CHILD. YOU AREN'T FOOLING ANYONE.




AH! YOU KNOW WHAT? I DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP LAST NIGHT! THAT MUST BE IT.

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE RUNNING THE SHOP?
NO, NOT AT ALL. WORK IS JUST FINE.


COULD IT BE A BOY YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEN?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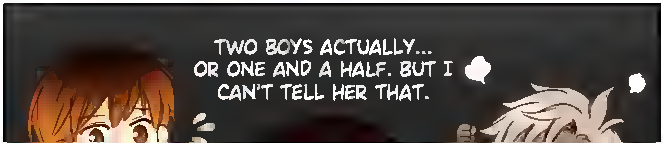
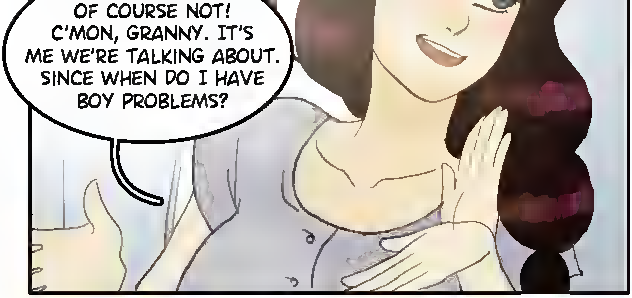
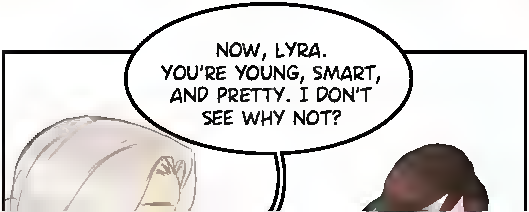
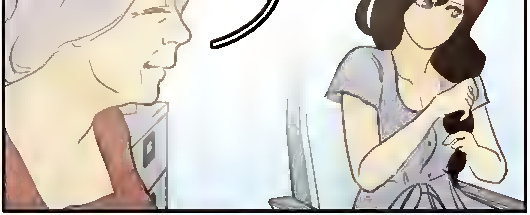
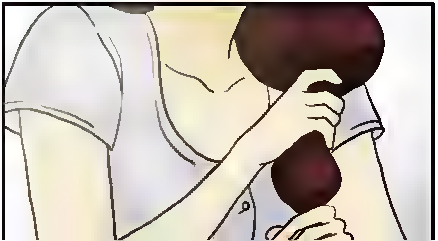

TWO BOYS ACTUALLY...
OR ONE AND A HALF. BUT I
CAN'T TELL HER THAT.

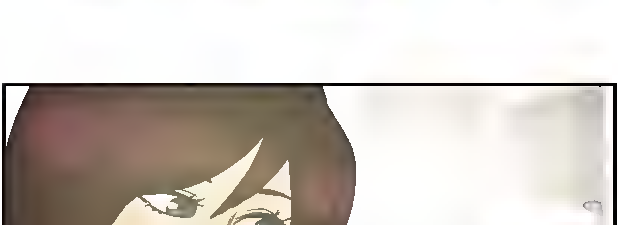
You okay, Lyr?
Ey yo, fish bait!!!

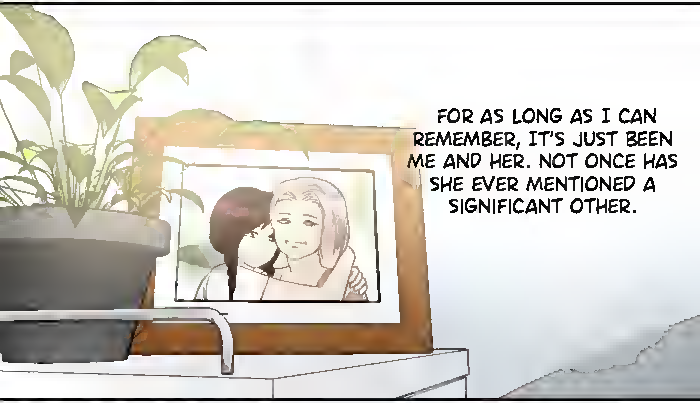

OF COURSE NOT! C'MON, GRANNY. IT'S ME WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SINCE WHEN DO I HAVE BOY PROBLEMS?

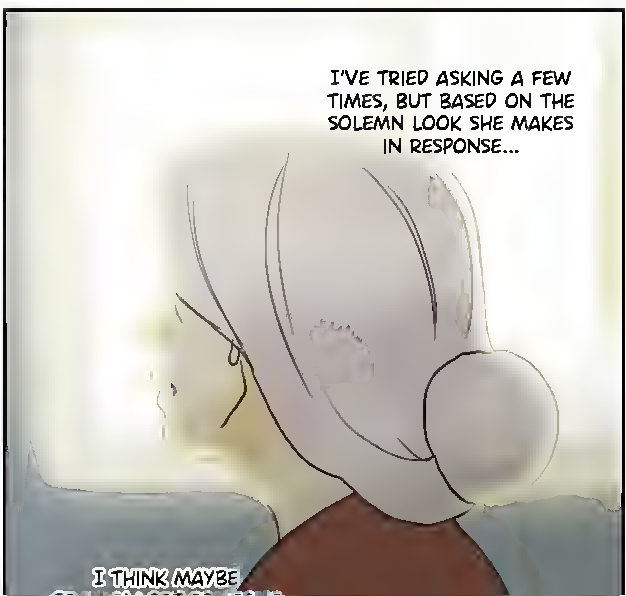

NOW, LYRA. YOU'RE YOUNG, SMART, AND PRETTY. I DON'T SEE WHY NOT?

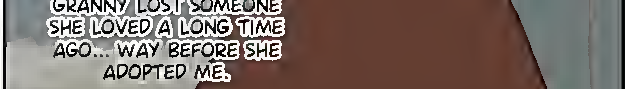




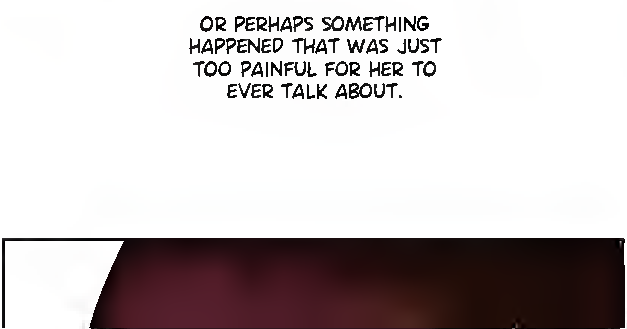

ACTUALLY, I FEEL LIKE THE TOPIC OF ROMANCE IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT FOR GRANNY... BUT THEN AGAIN, I'M NOT QUITE SURE.


FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, IT'S JUST BEEN ME AND HER. NOT ONCE HAS SHE EVER MENTIONED A SIGNIFICANT OTHER.


I'VE TRIED ASKING A FEW TIMES, BUT BASED ON THE SOLEMN LOOK SHE MAKES IN RESPONSE...
I THINK MAYBE



OR PERHAPS SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT WAS JUST TOO PAINFUL FOR HER TO EVER TALK ABOUT.



SO I GUESS I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN CAUTIOUS SPEAKING TO

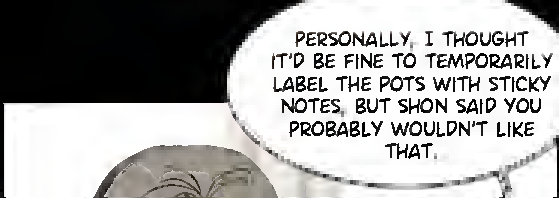
HER ABOUT SUCH THINGS.

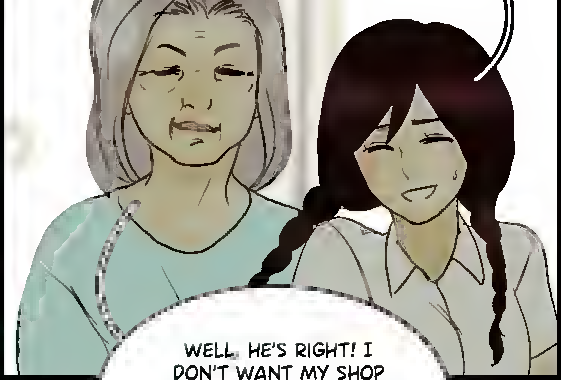
I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I HIRED SHON TO HELP AROUND THE SHOP.

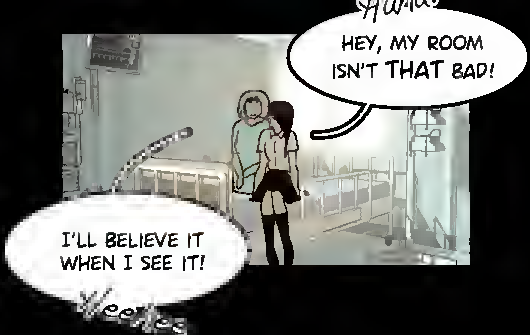
AH, KORI'S BROTHER?
MHM...
HE'S NOT AN EXPERT WITH PLANTS, BUT HE'S VERY HARDWORKING AND DEDICATED.

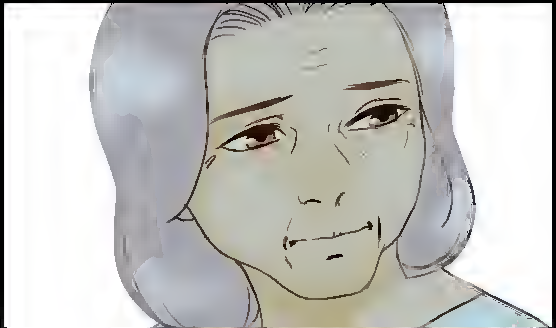
IT'S KIND OF CUTE BECAUSE HE EVEN MADE FLASH CARDS TO REMEMBER THE TYPES OF FLOWERS.

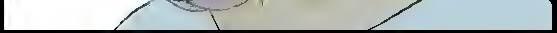
Hy... hydrangea?


PERSONALLY, I THOUGHT IT'D BE FINE TO TEMPORARILY LABEL THE POTS WITH STICKY NOTES, BUT SHON SAID YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T LIKE THAT.

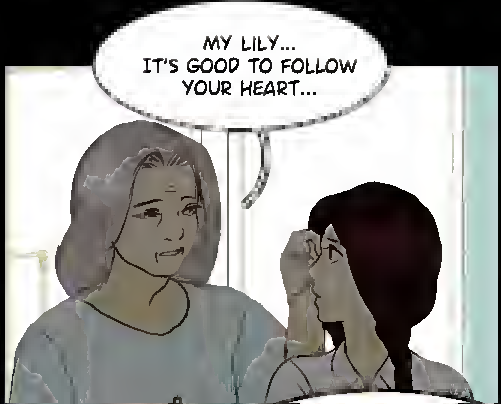

WELL, HE'S RIGHT! I DON'T WANT MY SHOP LOOKING ANYTHING LIKE YOUR ROOM! IT'S LITTERED WITH ALL THOSE LITTLE PAPERS!


HEY, MY ROOM ISN'T THAT BAD!
I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT!



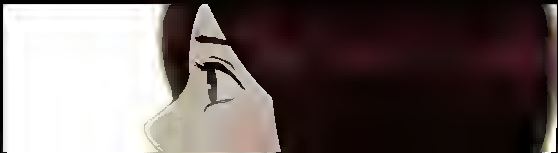


LYRA... DO
YOU HAVE FEELINGS
FOR THAT BOY?


MY LILY...
IT'S GOOD TO FOLLOW
YOUR HEART...

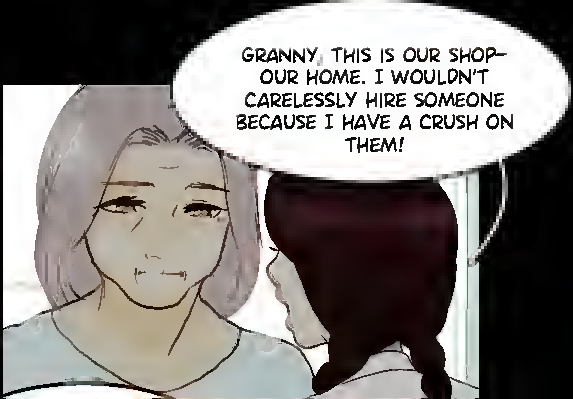
BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF WHERE IT TAKES YOU.

GRANNY LOOKED SO WORRIED JUST THEN...



SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME NOT TAKING MY JOB SERIOUSLY.

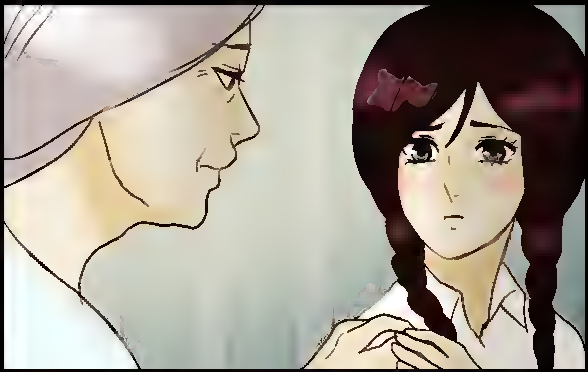
W-WAIT- I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING


GRANNY, THIS IS OUR SHOP- OUR HOME. I WOULDN'T CARELESSLY HIRE SOMEONE BECAUSE I HAVE A CRUSH ON THEM!

THAT WOULD BE IMMATURE AND IRRESPONSIBLE!
SHON IS... JUST A FRIEND TO ME. I WOULD NEVER HIRE HIM IF I SAW HIM AS ANYTHING MORE THAN

THAT.

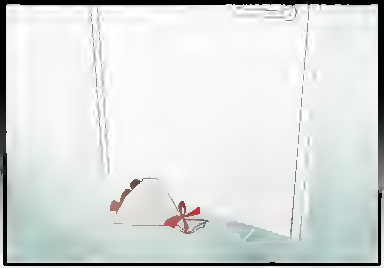
WHAT WAS THAT?
IS SOMBODY THERE?
LYRA...



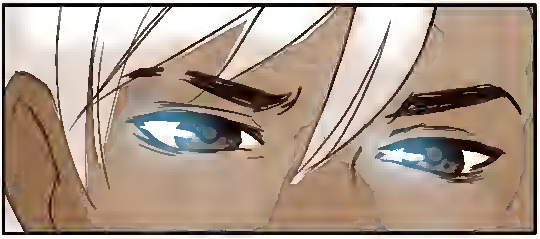
I CAN HANDLE MANAGING THE SHOP. I CAN DO THIS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

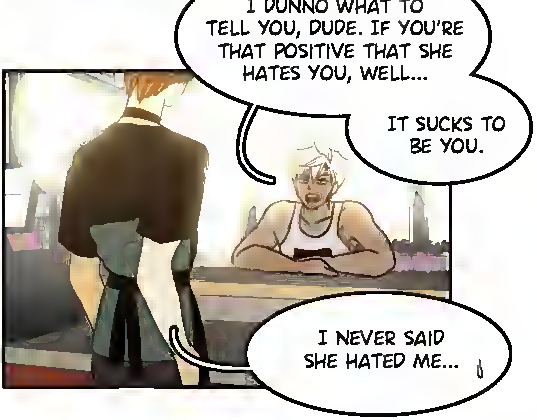
JUST FOCUS ON GETTING BETTER... PLEASE?

PLEASE...

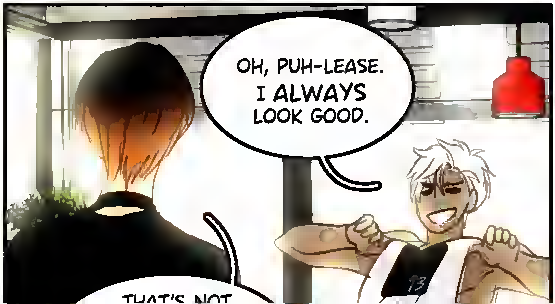


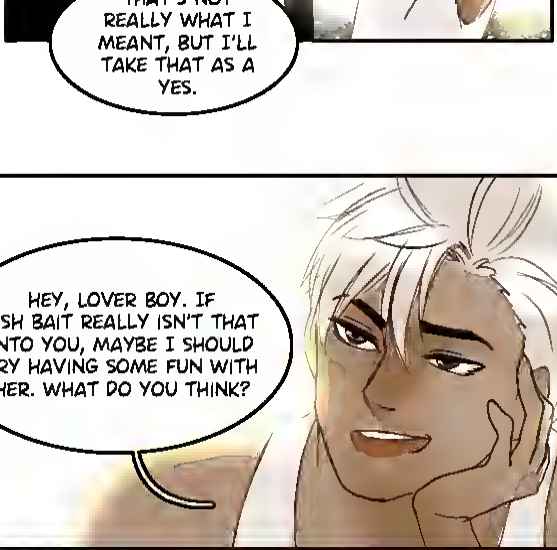
DAMN... ALL OF THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE GIVING ME A HEADACHE.

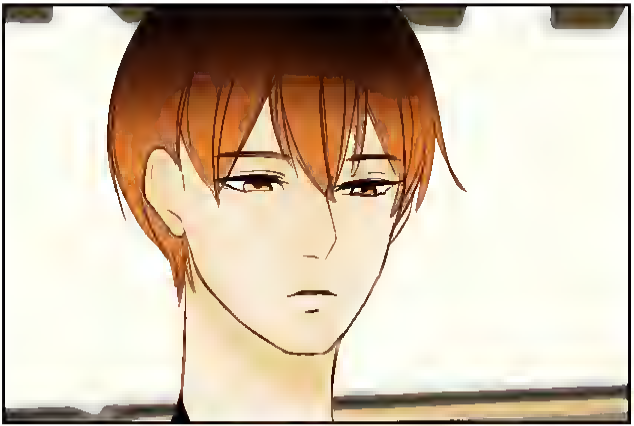


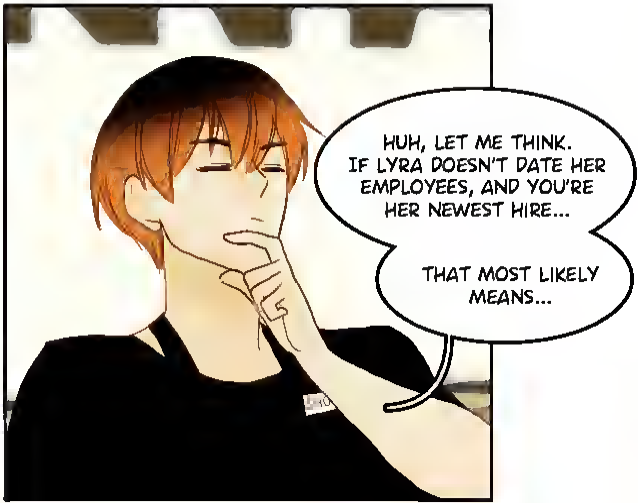

I DUNNO WHAT TO TELL YOU, DUDE. IF YOU'RE THAT POSITIVE THAT SHE HATES YOU, WELL...
IT SUCKS TO BE YOU.
I NEVER SAID SHE HATED ME...

BESIDES, SHE DESERVES SOMEONE WHO CAN GIVE HER WHAT SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED.
ANYWAY, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD.


OH, PUH-LEASE.
I ALWAYS
LOOK GOOD.


THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I MEANT, BUT I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES.
HEY, LOVER BOY. IF FISH BAIT REALLY ISN'T THAT INTO YOU, MAYBE I SHOULD TRY HAVING SOME FUN WITH HER. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

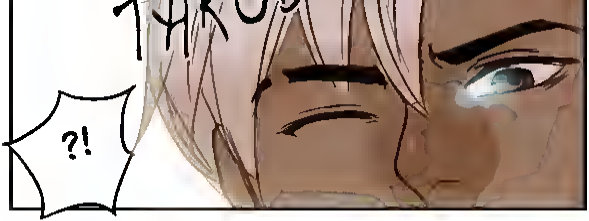



HUH, LET ME THINK. IF LYRA DOESN'T DATE HER EMPLOYEES, AND YOU'RE HER NEWEST HIRE...
THAT MOST LIKELY MEANS...

SHE'S NOT INTERESTED IN YOU EITHER, BRO.
TOUCHÉ.

WELP, WHATEVER. GOOD TALK. I'M CALLING IN SICK TODAY, SO YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF

EVERYTHING.
HEY, YOU CAN'T JUST–



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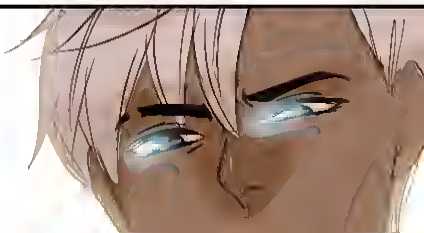

DAMN...
WITHDRAWALS AT
A TIME LIKE THIS.

...SOMETHING WRONG?

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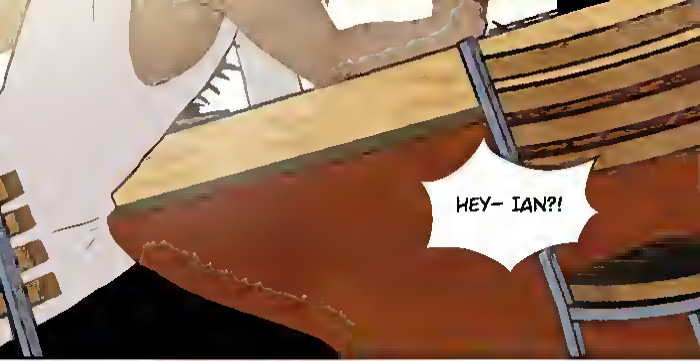
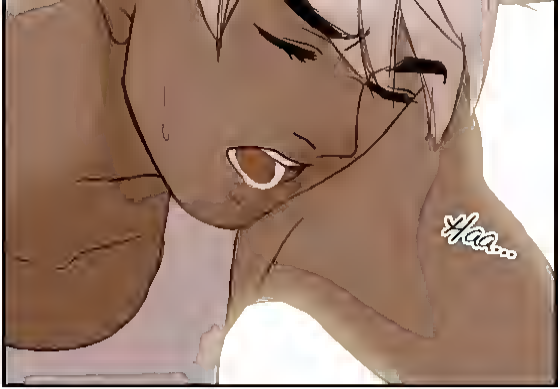

HEY– IAN?!



THIS CAN'T BE GOOD...

Siren's Lament

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HELLO, EVERYONE! LYRA HERE. MISO, THE CREATOR OF SIREN'S LAMENT, IS BUSY AT THE MOMENT SO I'M HERE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

NEXT WEEK, INSTEAD OF A REGULAR EPISODE, SIREN'S LAMENT WILL HAVE A SPECIAL EPISODE!
WAIT– HOLD UP!
ARE YOU TELLING ME WE'RE NOT GONNA FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO

ME NEXT WEEK..
UM... YES, BUT YOU'RE STILL GOING TO BE IN NEXT WEEK'S COMIC, IAN.

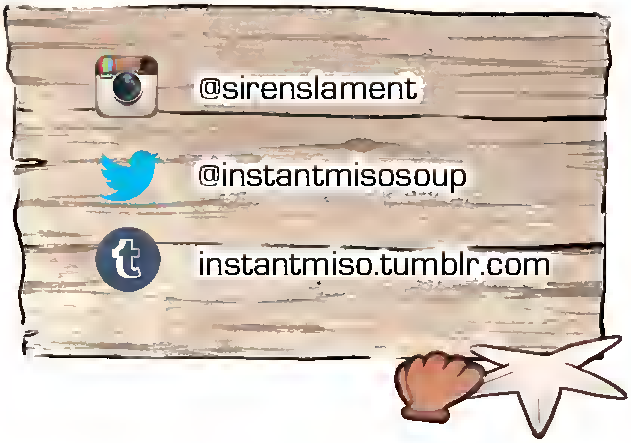
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH!
DUDE, THE CREATOR HAS SCHOOL AND STUFF, CUT HER SOME SLACK.
BESIDES, LYRA SAYS MISO HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR NEXT WEEK.

NOTHING.

WELL, I GUESS... BUT YOU GUYS NEED TO TELL ME THESE THINGS AHEAD OF TIME. I MEAN, I AM THE MAIN CHARACTER.

ACTUALLY LYRA IS THE MAIN CHARACTER...
WHAT?! SINCE WHEN?!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK
FOR A SPECIAL ON SIREN'S
LAMENT!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